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BIG THREE FOR MOSCOW TALKS

LONDON, DEC. 8. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BRITAIN, AMERICA AND RUSSIA ARE TO MEET IN MOSCOW ON DECEMBER 15. THEIR PRINCIPAL TASK WILL BE TO DISCUSS THE SHARING AND CONTROL OF THE ATOMIC SECRETS AND TO DISPEL THE SUSPICIONS ENTERTAINED ON THIS SUBJECT BY RUSSIA.

Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent writes that other likely topics to be discussed are: firstly, the Far Eastern problems (control of Japan and the peace settlements); secondly, Persia; thirdly, international representations of the situation in China; and fourthly, a general discussion on the machinery for the European peace treaties. The intention behind the Moscow meeting is clearly to create the best possible atmosphere between the great Powers and to enable them to enter a general assembly with unity and the fullest measure of agreement on common policy on great issues.

It is pointed out in London that the meeting of the three Foreign Ministers is neither opposed to, nor a departure from the principle of the Big Five consultations of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

Soviet's Suggestion

LONDON, DEC. 8. A BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY ERNEST BEVIN IS EXPECTED TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT SOON ABOUT A POSSIBLE MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, RUSSIA, FRANCE AND CHINA. REPORTS SAID THE FIVE MINISTERS MIGHT MEET SOON IN MOSCOW AND THE LONDON "EVENING STAR" SAID IT IS UNDERSTOOD THE PROPOSAL CAME FROM MOSCOW. THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS ENDED WITHOUT A SETTLEMENT OF MAJOR QUESTIONS.

Main purpose of the meeting which, the spokesman said, would be held on Dec. 15, will be to get the Russian view on how to work out some formula for dealing with atomic energy within the framework of the United Nations Organisation.

RAF OFFICER IN JEEP SMASH

SQUADRON-LEADER FITZPATRICK, OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT IN A JEEP SMASH IN PEDDER STREET. The jeep swung into Pedder Street from Des Voeux Road Central from the direction of the Post Office, and for some reason which could not be ascertained, crashed heavily into the second pillar of the Gloucester Building. Squadron-Leader Fitzpatrick, who was alone in the jeep at the time of the smash, was badly injured about the face, and appeared to be suffering from concussion. He was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition. The jeep was badly wrecked.

JAPAN'S BILL FOR ARMY OF OCCUPATION

TOKYO, DEC. 8. JAPAN IS PAYING OVER U.S.\$200,000 DAILY FOR OCCUPATION COSTS, AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES REVEALED TODAY. These sources said the current occupation budget is one billion yen monthly, which is over U.S.\$36,000,000. This is approximately U.S.\$170 each for about 400,000 soldiers. The U.S. Reparations Commissioner, Mr. Edwin Pauley recently expressed the opinion that Japan would be unable to pay for the occupation costs from assets which could be used for reparations after the original stripping of its industrial equipment. Japanese officials indicate the same opinion saying: "We must do our best as the load is very heavy." They point out that the occupation budget totalling 12 billion annually nearly absorbs Japan's total 31 billion budget in the forthcoming year. The occupation costs is approximately 1/4 of the extraordinary war expenditures during the closing phase of hostilities. — Associated Press.

Jeeps Not Cheap

Cincinnati, Dec. 8. Want to buy a jeep? Ten thousands now or reconconditioned ones are available to honourably discharged servicemen "for business purposes only." Prices range as high as \$782, the Office of Surplus Government Property, reported. All sales are sight unseen. — Associated Press.

NO COMPACT WITH HITLER, SAYS OSHIMA

TOKYO, DEC. 8. GERMANY WITHHELD ITS ATOMIC BOMB RESEARCH FROM JAPAN BUT THE JAPANESE LEARNED ABOUT IT ANYWAY "UNOFFICIALLY," LIEUT. GENERAL HIROSHI OSHIMA, WAR-TIME AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN, TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TODAY. In an interview, the stout heavy-featured diplomat, who arrived here three days ago to find himself listed as a suspected war criminal, expressed a series of negotiations. He received no "orders" from Hitler to try and push Japan into a war with the United States. Germany did not plan to send troops to the Pacific. The two Axis partners had no compact for sharing a domination of the world if their respective campaigns had succeeded. Hitler and his High Command did not know in advance of the plans for a Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour. Hitler was "delighted" when he heard the news. Oshima, who was interned for three months at Bedford, Penn., before being returned to Japan, said Germany and Japan collaborated only slightly on new or secret weapons but that they did make "one or two exchanges." — Associated Press.

Shanghai's Mayor On Foreign Trade

SHANGHAI, DEC. 8. AN INVITATION TO FOREIGN CAPITAL AND EXPERTS TO PARTICIPATE IN RECONSTRUCTION WORK IN SHANGHAI WAS ISSUED BY MR. T. K. HO IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT AFTER HIS APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY MAYOR OF SHANGHAI. HE SAID: "WE EXPECT THAT SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE SO THAT FOREIGN CAPITAL AND EXPERTS MAY POUR INTO SHANGHAI AND TRADE DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN CHINA AND THE ALLIED NATIONS WILL ENSUE."

He added: "In this connection it is of paramount importance that capital and labour must co-operate earnestly and harmoniously in order to ensure increase of production and expansion of internal and external trade, and ultimately a solution of the problem of unemployment and the people's livelihood."

Mr. Ho promised to continue the policy he pursued during his previous connection with the former Shanghai Municipal Council, first as Assistant and later Deputy Secretary — namely, to foster mutual understanding and co-operation between the foreign and Chinese communities, "for it has been my conviction now as then that it is only through understanding will communal harmony be achieved, and only through harmony will the prosperity of Shanghai be attained." — Reuter.

NO KNOWLEDGE

Washington, Dec. 8. President Truman, asked at a press conference whether loan negotiations were in progress between the United States and Russia, said that he had no knowledge of the Soviet Union desiring a loan. — Reuter.

Kido Gives His Views

TOKYO, DEC. 8. PRISON-BOUND MARQUIS KOICHI KIDO, HIROHITO'S CLOSEST WAR-TIME ADVISER, TO-DAY LABELLED TOJO AS AN "INDISPUTABLE WAR CRIMINAL." In an interview Kido termed Kōnoye a "borderline case" and spoke out strongly against any Allied move to place Hirohito on trial. He emphatically denied reports that the Emperor would abdicate. He asserted that by Japanese interpretation of what constitutes a war criminal "I am not guilty." Kido was named in the new list of nine war crimes suspects. — Associated Press.

HUNGARY AND CZECHS FAIL TO AGREE

Prague, Dec. 8. It is learned that the Czechoslovakian-Hungarian discussions failed to achieve an agreement concerning an exchange of the Slovak-Hungarian minorities. It is thought that the Czechoslovak Government may now appeal to the Great Powers. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI FIRMS MUST UP SHUTTERS

SHANGHAI, DEC. 8. MANY FOREIGN REAL ESTATE COMPANIES IN SHANGHAI WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO WIND UP AS THE RESULT OF A NEW REGULATION REQUIRING FOREIGNERS AND CHINESE HOLDING PERPETUAL LEASE OR TITLE DEEDS FOR LAND IN SHANGHAI TO REGISTER THEIR RIGHTS WITH THE BUREAU OF LAND ADMINISTRATION. IN THE OLD DAYS WHEN FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS EXISTED IN SHANGHAI, LANDS HELD BY FOREIGNERS WERE EXEMPTED FROM THE PAYMENT OF LAND TAX AND OTHER LEVIES TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CITY GOVERNMENT POINTED OUT.

Thus some Chinese nationals, in order to evade taxation, were tempted to purchase real estate from foreigners and held their properties by Declarations of Trust to them by the foreigners concerned.

Transfer of such properties were done by changing the Declarations of Trust instead of registering with the authorities concerned. Many foreign firms were engaged in such transactions but such a practice, the statement added, was an encroachment upon the sovereignty of China and cannot be tolerated. The Chinese Authorities are now taking appropriate measures to check up on those foreign firms which recently advertised that they are resuming the old practice of handling real estate transactions, the statement said. — Reuter.

They Said This About India Too

WASHINGTON, DEC. 8. THE WAR DEPARTMENT TODAY ISSUED A STATEMENT FROM THE AUSTRALIAN PURCHASING COMMITTEE IN NEW GUINEA DENYING REPORTS THAT LARGE STOCKS OF AMERICAN ARMY SUPPLIES, INCLUDING FOOD, WERE BEING DESTROYED IN THE KINSHAFEN DISTRICT. Representative Latham, Republican of New York, told the House on Friday that a "thoroughly reliable source" had told him that much surplus war property was being wantonly destroyed in the Southwest Pacific. He called for an investigation. Latham was a former Navy Lieutenant. Quoting a letter from an informant, Latham read: "Every day dozens of vehicles, boats of all sorts and millions of dollars worth of material are thrown into the sea or burned." — Associated Press.

Edgar Snow Not Wanted

PHILADELPHIA, DEC. 8. EDITOR BEN HIBBS OF THE "SATURDAY EVENING POST" TO-DAY SAID THAT ASSOCIATE EDITOR EDGAR SNOW HAS BEEN BARRED FROM CHINA BY THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES. He said that protests were being lodged with Washington. Hibbs said that a message from Manila by Snow stated that he was rejected by the Chinese Government on "the laconic grounds that I am unacceptable to China. The Kuomintang authorities informed our high command that they have on the black list still other reporters whom they intend to keep out of China." — Associated Press.

NAVY TO SWEEP CANTON RIVER

Following negotiations with the authorities in Hong Kong for the early sweeping of mines which at present endanger river navigation, four officers of the British Navy who are experts in mine-sweeping went to Canton a short time ago to discuss details of operation. They have now returned to Hong Kong, and it is hoped the river cleared of mines within a very short period.

SIBELIUS EIGHTY

Helsinki, Dec. 8. Jean Sibelius, famous Finnish composer, is 80 years old today. — Reuter.

HONG KONG BOYS IN BURMA JUNGLE EPIC

New Delhi, Dec. 8. Mahatma Gandhi's meeting with Field Marshal Lord Wavell will probably take place in Calcutta on Monday evening, but it is understood that it will have no political significance. — Reuter.

THE PART PLAYED BY MANY HONG KONG BOYS IN THE BURMA CAMPAIGN WAS REVEALED YESTERDAY TO A "SUNDAY HERALD" REPORTER BY LANCE-CORPORAL CYRIL CAMPBELL, FRESHLY ARRIVED FROM MALAYA BY PLANE. L/C. CAMPBELL IS A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER COMPANY, ATTACHED TO THE CHINDITS, WHOSE MAGNIFICENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN BURMA WERE SAID BY GENERAL WINGATE TO BE "THE TOUGHEST FIGHTING THAT EVER TOOK PLACE, PRACTICALLY BEYOND HUMAN EFFORT."

After the fall of Hong Kong, many local boys, Chinese, Eurasians, Portuguese and Indians made their way to Free China and then to India. Most of them joined up with different forces and were separated, until early in 1944, when Brigadier J. M. Calvert, formerly of Hong Kong, called the local boys together and prepared them for the second Wingate Expedition. The H.K. Volunteer Company was thus formed and put under the command of Major Bellamy Brown, also an old H.K. resident. In the beginning, there were 180 in the Unit but with casualties, the present number is only 75.

AIR-BORNE UNITS They were attached to the Chindits formed part of the famous air-borne division which landed behind the Japanese lines in the Burmese jungles. The first important Burmese town to fall to British arms was Moguung and the H.K.V.C. played a prominent role in its capture. For six long months, the unaided seemingly forgotten Hong Kong Volunteers fought in the dense jungles, and some of them walked over 1,000 miles before they rejoined their company in India.

It was during this period that the majority of those lost were killed in action. They were landed by gliders having been specially trained for guerrilla warfare. If they had not been able to beat the Japs at the game of camouflage warfare, few of them would be alive today.

MALAYA LANDINGS They were to have participated in the third Wingate expedition, but the close of the war prevented that.

However, the Company was proud to be among the first units to land in Malaya. This time they were in different groups which made landings at Port Dickson, Teluk Anson and Port Swettenham, where they still are. Young Cyril Campbell is "the first to come back on leave." The rest, including Leslie Fox, Walker Higgs and George Abbas are expected back in a few months' time. Campbell said that his only disappointment was that he was not transferred to enable them to join in the landing in Hong Kong. He said: "The boys don't want to have their names in history but they do want it known that many Hong Kong boys were part of the British Army in Burma where the grimmest and the toughest fighting took place."

Hot Secret Was Cocktail Bar Gossip

WASHINGTON, DEC. 8. THE "HOTTEST SECRET OF THE WAR" THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD CRACKED THE JAPANESE CODE WAS COCKTAIL BAR GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Army officers spoke "carelessly" of it. One man, employed as a code-cracker, discovered it. Filers in the Pacific Theatre deduced it. Sitting atop of the powder keg was General George C. Marshall, then Army Chief of Staff, getting grayer by the minute. The talk that the code had been smashed drifted back from the Pacific after slivers had been told where to go to shoot down Admiral Yamamoto.

(General Marshall testified yesterday in the Pearl Harbour enquiry how Yamamoto was caught.) He said he asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation Director, J. Edgar Hoover, to trail some Army officers "so we could make an example of them." Hoover was hesitant, Marshall said, contending that it would make a "Gestapo" of his force, so it was not done. — Associated Press.

Token Strike To Stop France For Two Hours

PARIS, DEC. 8. RAILWAYS AND PUBLIC SERVICES THROUGHOUT FRANCE MAY STOP FOR TWO HOURS NEXT WEDNESDAY IF THE TOKEN STRIKE THREATENED BY MORE THAN 1,000,000 WORKERS, RANGING FROM RAILWAYMEN TO SCHOOL TEACHERS, IS CARRIED OUT.

The workers are claiming 1,000 francs (\$26) per month as a temporary rise in salary, pending a revision to meet the increased cost of living. The French Finance Minister, M. Rene Pleven, speaking at a Cabinet meeting today, said that any increase would "endanger the stability of France."

A compromise solution, supported by General de Gaulle, was that a bonus should only be granted to the workers harvest hit by the high cost of living, but the Unions so far have refused to consider this. Strike plans are already drawn up. The Paris underground railway will stop for one hour in the afternoon, and schools will close at 3.00 p.m. instead of 4.00 p.m. or 6.00 p.m. — Reuter.

Soiling Their Own Nest?

MUNICH, DEC. 8. BLAME FOR UNSANITARY CONDITIONS AT THE DISPLACED PERSONS' CAMP HERE HAD BEEN LAID ALMOST EQUALLY ON THE INMATES THEMSELVES AND THE U.N.R.R.A. AUTHORITIES BY AN INSPECTING GROUP OF FOUR HIGH AMERICAN OFFICIALS. The group found 6,208 homeless Jews living in quarters designed for 4,200. Sanitary conditions were so bad that the head of the group, Lieut-General Walter Bedel Smith, United States Army Chief of Staff in the European theatre, told the U.N.R.R.A. camp director, A. A. Glasgold: "I would be ashamed." The General later told a committee of camp inmates: "You folks are not doing your part in keeping the place sanitary." — Associated Press.

Atlantic Air Fares Decision

Washington, Dec. 8. Pan-American Airways announced today it will charge U.S.\$375 for long flights from the United States, but intends to base the fares to Ireland and France on a lower scale. This clears the way for resumption of a five-times weekly schedule from New York to England, from the setback to twice weekly which Britain ordered when fares were reduced sharply. The new plan, however, may bring complications with French and civil aeronautics board authorities. Under the recent fare cut American overseas airlines reduced the rate to \$375 for a round-trip. — Associated Press.

C.N. To Be Pegged To U.S.?

SHANGHAI, DEC. 8. PEGGING OF THE WILDLY FLUCTUATING CHINESE NATIONAL CURRENCY TO THE AMERICAN DOLLAR IS PREDICTED BY J. L. CHEN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY. An official equitable foreign exchange rate has been a vital question in the minds of foreign business men since the war ended. They are now convinced that the import and export trade is dependent upon early revision of the official rate favourable enough to encourage trade. Chen said the National Economic Council recently organized in Chungking would fix the new rate soon. — Associated Press.

AIR AGREEMENT

Washington, Dec. 8. The conclusion of an air transport agreement between Portugal and the United States is announced by the United States Department. — Reuter.

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast:—Cloudy with fair periods. Light northerly winds; outlook, mild. Yesterday, the temperature dropped 14 degrees in nine hours, the maximum being 80 degrees at 1 p.m. and the minimum 66 degrees at 10 p.m.

BYRNES SAYS:

We Support Chiang But Not Exclusively

WASHINGTON, DEC. 8. REITERATING UNITED STATES SUPPORT OF THE CHIANG KAI-SHEK GOVERNMENT, SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES BYRNES TO-DAY TOLD THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE: "WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT MUST BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THOSE LARGE AND WELL ORGANIZED GROUPS WHO ARE WITHOUT ANY VOICE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA." BYRNES SAID THAT IN TRYING TO BRING TOGETHER THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNISTS, UNITED STATES INFLUENCE SHOULD BE USED TO "ENCOURAGE CONCESSIONS" BY BOTH SIDES.

He reiterated that United States troops in China "are for the sole purpose" of helping with the surrender of Japanese troops. Byrnes said he was unable to find evidence of disloyalty in the part of George Atcheson and John S. Service, whom Hurley had charged sought to wreck his efforts for a unified China. He challenged Hurley's assertion that the former Ambassador was unable to get a public statement of American policy toward China from President Truman or himself. He said that Hurley had never asked for a statement.

SUPPORTS ATCHESON Byrnes defended the propriety of two communications sent to Washington by Atcheson and Service on which, he said, Hurley relied for support of his charges. He said that Atcheson had recommended readjustment in our immediate strategy in China. He did not elaborate but added that the policy then and now was to uphold the Central Government.

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HOUSING PRESSURE

The presence of Brigadier D. M. Macdonald at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Housing Society has focused attention on the problem of housing in this colony. It is generally accepted that the problem of housing is one of the most serious in the colony. There has been little by way of any other sign to indicate it. A lion has been placed on all building materials, successfully curbing any ambition by private enterprise to reconstruct damaged property, a step which would command warmer approval if it were accompanied by an official programme worthy of the description. It is true that a certain amount of patching up of Government property has been carried out, but there is as far as outward and visible signs go, it has begun and end of the early rehabilitation of Hong Kong if it is to be a school, call for action, not for filigree of this nature. In three or four months, the European business men will be returning to the colony in large numbers. Provision will have to be made for their accommodation. The colony cannot function as an important centre of trade unless hotels are free to enter for transit visitors. Scores of buildings, business and residential, clubs and what are normally private hotels, are swarming with servicemen, and more are coming, both military and naval. It is a headache, and one that will not respond to aspirin treatment. Two things, however, suggest themselves as matters of urgency. One is a check on the very natural tendency of the military spread themselves generously over the landscape when opportunity offers. The second is the repair and reconstruction of barracks as a No. 1 priority, together with a programme for the provision of temporary barracks accommodation. Somewhere in the vast accumulation of stores spread over the Far Eastern theatre of war, there must be enormous stocks of materials suitable, even designed for temporary shelters. In fact, if report contains only half the truth, the transfer of the abandoned headquarters of S.E.A.C. at Kandy would go far towards solving the military side of Hong Kong's problem. For all we can discover, officially, these may have been allocated already. But we have our doubts. It is easier to believe this one simple fact, that the whole question of accommodation requirements for the next six months is a complex examination now and the present muddle straightened out.

U.S. NAVY'S JOB

Washington, Dec. 8. The Navy Department is confronted with a "tremendous responsibility" in the transportation of men home under the Army and Navy demobilization programme, says John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy. He wrote to Representative Cane, Republican of South Dakota, that plans are under way to utilize as many naval vessels as possible "capable of carrying any sizeable number of passengers on long sea voyages." Cases had earlier protested "on the slow release of some enlisted personnel" as well as the failure to use all space available in cargo ships for return of the men.—Associated Press.

NEW ADVOCATE

Sergeant Robert Steen Smith, of the Sherwood Foresters, has been authorized to act as an advocate and to conduct the defence of persons charged before the Standing Military Court.

VISIT TO MACAO

Major General Festing, G.O.C., Land Forces, Hong Kong, left yesterday by sea on an informal visit to Macao, during which he will meet His Excellency the Governor.

The G.O.C. will return to-day.

The Gloucester is leaving for Shanghai, Singapore and India to-morrow. She is carrying R.A.F. W.I. passengers for Singapore and India.

A Good Cartoon But It Told Only Half The Tale

RECENTLY DAVID LOW, THE LONDON EVENING STANDARD CARTOONIST DREW A CARTOON ON THE JAVA SITUATION. IN IT HE SHOWED A BRITISH SOLDIER TIED BY ONE LEG TO AN INDONESIAN AND TRYING TO DEFEND HIMSELF FROM BRICK-BATS THROWN FROM SEVERAL DIRECTIONS. SHELTERED BEHIND HIM WERE POLITICIANS ARGUING APPARENTLY CONTENT TO LET TOMMY TAKE THE KNOCKS WHILE THEY INDULGED IN NON-STOP TALK.

It was a strikingly powerful cartoon but, unfortunately, only told half the truth, and if any thing even less than that. There is no mention in it of the armed Japanese war criminals still at large in Java.

There is no mention either of the 80,000 internees and prisoners whose rescue from conditions of horror and degradation are still unaccomplished.

There is no mention of the numerous excesses of Indonesian extremists, or of the wholesale massacres of Dutch men, women and children which would follow the withdrawal of Allied protection.

NOT POSSIBLE TO SIMPLIFY. The truth of course, is that it is not possible to simplify the Java problem into the clear black and white of a single drawing. It has a history, dating before the war, when the nationalist aspirations of the Indonesians first became vocal, and which has been hideously complicated by more than four years of malicious Japanese administration.

The Japanese originally promised the Indonesians independence, whipped them to a frenzy of nationalism, then folded them off with excuses, laying all blame for delay on the war and the Allies and European races generally.

The result has been to foment nearly the whole of Java into a state of lawlessness and hatred against the outside world. This has been blind unreasoning, and quite often beyond the control of its leaders. In such conditions armed thugery, violence, robbery and pillage flourish, gang leaders taking advantage of the confusion while paying lip service to the national cause.

ONLY THREE DAYS. In August this year Java, which was then in the American theatre, was transferred to South-East Asia Command, in other words, the British. It was at Potsdam that Admiral Mountbatten was first told to plan for the liberation of Java, and also to plan machinery for the solution of its tangled affairs. Admiral Mountbatten had hardly had time to send a signal from Potsdam to Kandy telling his staff of his new responsibility when Japan surrendered.

Only three days elapsed between Java first being handed into British theatre as a future objective and the arrival of the physical necessity for occupying it. This new responsibility for 55,000 square miles, 43 million people and 100,000 Japanese had to be taken without corresponding increase in Allied troops or shipping, which already had to cope suddenly with the occupation of Malaya, Sumatra, Siam and French Indo-China.

There was delay in getting troops to Java. This was partly due to the late date at which South-East Asia Command was given the responsibility for the huge island, and partly because General MacArthur's overall policy that no occupational operations were to be carried out until after the general Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay.

THE STAGE WAS SET. It was not until mid-September that the first Allied troops landed in Java and the Japanese had had months to "set the stage." Weapons had been given to the extremists and the "independence" of the Indonesians proclaimed. Under the surrender terms the Japanese had been made responsible for law and order until the Allies arrived, but the British troops found a situation of disorder and mob violence beyond the control even of Indonesian leaders.

The Allies arrived with two simple objectives—to round-up Japanese troops and release of Allied internees and prisoners of war. Their duties are so obvious by necessity that I don't think anyone has yet argued they should not be performed.

Those two objectives still stand and are the only reason for the continued presence of Allied troops. The question of the future form of the Government of Java is not involved. That is a matter between the Dutch and the Indonesians. But as long as the Indonesians persist in attacking Allied troops and preventing them from capturing the Japanese and releasing prisoners, then the troops must and will defend themselves.

16,000 MACHINE GUNS. The following figures give some idea of the internee problem in South-East Asia. There are 130,000 rifles, 1,300 Tommy guns, and thousands are in camps at Rangoon, Singapore, Borneo, and other places, impatiently awaiting to return to Java, which is their only home. Another 80,000, together with 40,000 Anatolians and Eurasians, are appealing for pro-

tection inside Java itself. These 120,000 are being concentrated into four areas—Batavia, Buitenzorg, Bandung and Sourabaya. This is the task which is being seriously hampered by the lawless conditions, and there is no prospect of this mercy work being completed until order has been restored.

Meanwhile there are still Japanese troops to be rounded-up, disarmed and deported. Their numbers are not firmly known, but reliable correspondents stated that 20,000 of them are actively fighting with the Indonesians against the Allies. Other Japanese Forces made available to the Indonesians some tanks and artillery pieces, 16,000 machine guns, 26,000 rifles, 1,300 Tommy guns, and large quantities of ammunition. This forms the basis of Indonesian armament for its half-trained "army" of 100,000.

DUTCH TROOPS. It has been suggested that Dutch troops should now take over the Allied tasks in Java. No really adequate Dutch forces are however yet in sight, for they have available all told only a few "security" battalions.

There is also the additional fact that Dutch troops would meet with fanatical resistance not only from the 100,000 armed Indonesians, but also from much of the remaining 43 million inhabitants. In that conflict internees would most probably be massacred.

Fortunately, there are signs that responsible Indonesian leaders realise all this, and wish to avoid.

The Dutch made offers of many concessions, and there is a note of optimism in the latest despatches from the island. London Press Service.

SCHOOL MOVING HERE FROM MACAO. It is reported that the St. Louis Gonzaga School, which has been operating in Macao since late 1942, is transferring its headquarters to Hong Kong in the near future. The staff of the school with the students, it is understood, are coming to Hong Kong on December 12.

The school is expected to be incorporated into the Wah Yan College, the institution run by the Irish Jesuit fathers. A special section is to be opened for Hong Kong Portuguese students who took refuge in Macao and whose education was continued by Fathers O'Brien, McCarthy, T. Cooney and A. Cooney.

HOSTEL FOR WOMEN. The Municipal Emergency Relief Committee in Canton have set up a Community Boarding House for Women. The measure was adopted to cope with the steady influx of women arriving in the city from other centres, awaiting entry as students at one of the universities or awaiting employment with some government or relief office.

Charge is C.N.\$10 a day for lodging, and a limit of one month's lodging is permitted for any student, nurse, or white-collar worker wishing to be accommodated under the scheme.

BAIL REQUEST REFUSED. An application for bail by Li Mun, charged with maliciously wounding an Indian, Ahmed Mian, was refused by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, when Inspector Fong told the Court that complainant was in a serious condition.

The Indian was alleged to have been injured in the stomach when accused used a pole with a hook at the end during a fight. A week's remand was ordered.

PICKED UP IN A RUIN. For possession of 73 tiles, believed to be unlawfully obtained, Tsang Chun and Tsang Tsak were each sentenced to two months' hard labour, by Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday.

They were seen with the tiles in Pokfulam Road and said they picked them up from a ruin in Victoria Road.

SENT FOR TRIAL. For the robbery of N.C.\$5,500, H.K.\$340, a wrist watch, and a pocket watch from No. 85, Argyle Street on Tuesday, Lau Yuk-ding, Leo Yung and Leo Shiu were committed for trial by Lt. Nigel yesterday.

First and second accused were also charged with the possession of arms without a licence.

War Trials In Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 8. The Army announced to-day that the first war criminal trials in Japan will begin on December 17 at Yokohama. They will be for Japanese accused of atrocities against American prisoners of war.

Approximately 300 Japanese military and civilian personnel will be tried by the American military tribunal in this category of war crime charges.—Associated Press.

H.K. SEES FIRST SHIP OF FREE FRENCH NAVY

THE FIRST SHIP OF THE FREE FRENCH NAVY TO REACH THE ORIENT IS IN HONG KONG HARBOUR. She is the Destroyer Escort "Senechal" (Captain de Corvette J. H. R. Feuillade, Commander) and arrived here from French Indo-China ports on Friday.

The "Senechal" was built in the United States for the Free French Navy and has seen service in the Mediterranean where, in May, 1944, she sank a German submarine. The vessel is of 1,500 tons and carries a complement of 12 officers and 170 men. She will be here for about a week and came out from Toulon.

Another French naval vessel, the "Freizon" (Enseigne de Vaisseau M. Comandeur) has been undergoing repairs at Aberdeen since last month. She escaped from Indo-China when the Japanese seized control in March, 1945.

H.K.V.D.C. REPATRIATION

Volunteer orders by Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, O.B.E., E.D., Commanding H.K.V.D.C. state:—Repatriation. It is noted for general information that the policy toward locally domiciled families H.K.V.D.C. remains unchanged. Those locally domiciled personnel ex Japan, etc., who have not yet been returned to Hong Kong will be returned as soon as transportation facilities permit.

Registration. All personnel of the H.K.V.D.C. who were not mobilised during the period 8th to 25th December, 1941 will report to the R.S.M. for registration.

CASE ADJOURNED

Because of the inability yesterday of defending counsel to attend Court, hearing of the case in which Charles Gray and Wong Yan-sang are charged with possession of two packages of "Prince Albert" tobacco of the type issued to the forces, without permit from a duly authorised officer, was adjourned to Monday.

Mr. M. A. da Silva is appearing for the defence. Defendants have pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Constables' Trick On Girl Of 19

TWO SPECIAL POLICE CONSTABLES, CHU KEUNG AND CHEUNG WAI-LAM, WERE CHARGED BEFORE MR. C. Y. KWAN AT THE SUMMARY MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY, WITH STEALING CLOTHING VALUED AT \$5,000 AND M.Y. 100,000 FROM MISS LAM YUK-CHU, 19, SPINSTER, OF ROAD, ON SEPTEMBER 9.

The theft was committed at No. 38, Wellington Street, where Miss Lam was then resident.

Both accused pleaded guilty. Sub-inspector R. Mackenzie said accused went to Miss Lam's residence in Wellington Street and said they were searching arms. They were admitted and conducted a search. Inside the bedroom, they found 90,000 in Military Yen inside a trunk, and divided it into three parts, giving one share of 30,000 to Miss Lam.

A suitcase, containing clothing to the value of \$5,000, alleged to have belonged to a Japanese was taken away. They also took M.Y. 20,000 from a purse which was lying on Miss Lam's bed. They left stating that they must consult on the matter with a European officer.

Later the same day, they asked Miss Lam to go out for a walk to meet the European.

PAYS OVER MORE. Miss Lam went with them to near the Queen's Theatre, where first accused told her she should pay M.Y. 20,000 to the European to keep the matter quiet. Miss Lam paid the money over to first accused, who told her to leave the

BLACKMAIL AS A CANTON PASTIME

BURGLARY IS RIFE IN THE CITY EVERY EARLY WINTER WHEN THE POOR HAVE TO SUFFER COLD IN ADDITION TO HUNGER. IT IS ESPECIALLY SO THIS YEAR WHEN THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED AND DESTITUTE IS LARGE. HOWEVER, NOT ALL OF THE BURGLARS ARE POOR AND NEEDY. QUITE A FEW ARE DISBANDED SOLDIERS AND THEIR ACCOMPANIES IN ORGANISED RACKETEERING. THIS WINTER, BLACKMAILING AND KIDNAPING ARE ALSO RESORTED TO.

The blackmailers got all information about their victim's war-time dealings with the Japanese and utilised exposure of the fact as a threat.

Although only a few blackmailers have been caught, the number of persons blackmailed must be large, for most of them dare not report to the police for fear of the danger involved. They just paid what was demanded.

It is a curious fact that the blackmailers seldom extorted more than their victims could pay. One rich merchant was asked for C.N. \$20,000,000 while a piano tuner was ordered to pay only \$150,000, the price of a second-hand piano. A physician who was kidnapped on Nov. 28 by seven persons posing as clients was demanded to pay \$400,000.

The Provincial Peace Preservation Corps, the Municipal Police Bureau, and the army authorities have already taken precautionary measures against these robbers and blackmailers. The police bureau have despatched additional armed policemen and plain clothes detectives to patrol the streets every night.

Burglars and blackmailers when caught are severely punished. At least four were executed last week.

The resumption of whole night electric supply with street lights burning till daybreak is a great help towards reducing the number of burglaries.

At the third joint meeting of the party, political and military authorities, the Peace Preservation Corps will make the following proposals for the maintenance of peace and order in the city. (1) Another census of the city be taken immediately. All hotels, incoming trains, vehicles and boats be thoroughly inspected. (2) Firing guns for no purpose and firing crackers at night be prohibited. (3) Soldiers should not be allowed to leave their barracks at night without permission. (4) When necessary dictates, mails should be censored to get information about robbers and their activities. (5) The housing of beggars and unemployed disbanded soldiers. The Government has been doing very well in keeping peace and order.—Our Own Correspondent.

CENSUS FIGURE. The census revealed that the city-to-day houses at least 700,000 inhabitants. Census officials, however, believe these figures to be an underestimation.

It is believed the city has a population to-day approximately equal to that it held just before the outbreak of the Japanese war in 1937.

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6th December, 1945.

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H.K. IMPORT LICENCE COMPLAINTS

COMPLAINTS MADE BY CERTAIN LOCAL MERCHANTS REGARDING DELAYS IN HANDLING APPLICATIONS FOR IMPORT LICENCES, AS REQUIRED BY A RECENT GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION, WERE REFUTED BY MR. H. A. TAYLOR, SUPERINTENDENT OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, INTERVIEWED BY THE "SUNDAY HERALD" YESTERDAY.

The main "grouse" of hongs anxious to resume business was that when applications were made to the Import and Export Office they were told that the prescribed forms were not yet ready.

Mr. Taylor said that this was true only in the first two days when the forms were being printed. Since then the I. and E. Office had received a large quantity of the various forms, sufficient to meet all demands.

Regarding applications for licences involving foreign exchange, Mr. Taylor said that final approval of such applications rested entirely with the Financial Adviser without whose permission the I. and E. Office could not issue a licence.

The import of certain goods, Mr. Taylor pointed out, is still under Government control. Goods affected are mainly foodstuffs such as rice, flour, meats, canned milk, milk powder, dried beans and peas, salt, sugar, oil seed, fats, yeast, hides, leather and furs.

A young Chinese woman, Li Mei, was sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, when found guilty of stealing a roll of blue cloth from the Tak Hing Shop, Wing On Street, on Friday.

Accused with two other women went into the shop and looked at materials. They left without buying. The shopkeeper then found a roll of cloth to be missing and gave chase. Two of the women got away, but accused was caught with the cloth in her possession.

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MASONIC HALL. 11, Queen's Road, C., 2nd floor (Entrance—Ice House St.) All local and visiting brethren on the register are invited to a masonic meeting on Monday, 10th December, at 5 for 5.30 p.m.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.) LEGAL BRANCH. NOTICE (S. 363).

The Custodian of Property has in his charge the following Machine:—

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R. A. WICKERSON, Custodian of Property.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.) C.A. POLICE AND PRISONS BRANCH.

ORDINANCE NO. 13 OF 1919.

No person is permitted to trade in or collect marine stores without a licence.

Applications for licences must be made to the Commissioner of Police without delay.

Former licences should accompany applications.

C. H. SANSOM, Colonel C.A. (Police).

Hong Kong, 6th December, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.) POLICE AND PRISON BRANCH.

ORDINANCE NO. 25 OF 1933.

No person is permitted to carry on the business of public auctioneers without a licence under the above Ordinance.

Applications for licences must be made to the Commissioner of Police without delay.

Former licences should accompany applications.

C. H. SANSOM, Colonel C.A. (Police).

Hong Kong, 8th December, 1945.

REPATRIATION NOTICE. No. 46.

H. M. S. "GLENEARN". The undermentioned are listed for embarkation:—

SINGAPORE. Rev. L. Rodrigues, Rev. Fong Wan Han, Rev. C. A. Lopez, Mr. Chai Kim Fatt, Mr. & Mrs. Geo Yok Soo.

INDIA. Mr. D. S. Engineer, Mr. M. N. Master, Mr. E. Mahomed, Mr. Y. A. Cheapjack, Mr. L. Mahomed, Mr. J. L. Noronha, Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Shroff & family, Mrs. R. Patil & children, Mr. B. N. Mahomed, Mrs. K. N. Karanja & child, Mr. M. F. Din.

HONG KONG passengers will assemble at Queen's Pier at 9.30 a.m. on Monday December 10th, 1945 and KO LOON passengers will assemble at Kowloon 3 down Wharves No. 1 Pier at 10.15 a.m. to await Embarkation Officer.

Passengers must NOT board the vessel until after obtaining their embarkation cards, which will be issued at assembly points.

The above does not include passengers listed by KAPW.

REPATRIATION OFFICE. Hong Kong, 8th December, 1945.

Japan Pained By Poor Relations With China!

TOKYO, DEC. 8. A DEMAND FOR RETURN OF ALL LOOT WHICH JAPANESE ARMED FORCES TOOK FROM CHINA, WAS MADE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY TAKEO KIMURA, LIBERAL PARTY MEMBER, AS PLENARY BUDGET SESSIONS CONTINUED YESTERDAY. HE SAID SUCH ACTION WOULD PROVIDE INITIAL OVERTURES FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

THE FIRST STEP TOWARD IMPROVED RELATIONS, SAID KIMURA, "IS TO RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE CHINESE ALL PROPERTIES JAPAN TOOK DURING THE WAR."

Governor Of Burma's Adventure

Rangoon, Dec. 8. The launch in which the Governor of Burma, Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, is visiting towns on the Irrawaddy River, ran aground near the village of Letpania, which he had selected as the site for a radio station under the Government's rural broadcast scheme.

In reply to an S.O.S. two tug-boats arrived and after some hours were able to refloat the launch.

A farmer himself, Sir Reginald walked round the fields in Letpania, moving freely among the villagers and enquiring about the conditions of their crops.

The village with a population of about 1,000 had no complaints to make to the Governor. It had experienced a bumper crop and had no difficulties.

The villagers told Sir Reginald that they hated the Japanese because the "yellow beasts" lived on foreigning and they "raped even women and children for no reason whatever." Reuter.

Hitler's Phone Tapped

Paris, Dec. 8. An overhead telephone conversation between Hitler, speaking from his headquarters in Smolensk, and Dornitz in Paris was described by a technical official of the Post Office to-day as one of the daring exploits of Heintzmann workers in the postal service.

In 1942 British intelligence officers with the Maquis requested M. Keller, who later died in a concentration camp, to listen to telephone conversations on the main French cable.

Almost 85 per cent. of the traffic on this cable was reserved for German communications. During three months the cable between Paris and Metz, which was relayed direct to Smolensk via Berlin, was connected to a small villa near Metz, in the Seine and Marne Department. Engineers and interceptors there "tapped" the cable day and night.

It was during this period that M. Vell, one of the group, overheard the conversation between Hitler and Dornitz.

In 1943 the group decided to tap the Paris-Strasbourg cable from a villa near Paris. It was here that the Gestapo arrested Keller and some of his colleagues.

My informant was caught in a cafe while conferring with British intelligence officers, none of whom has been heard from since. Several French members of the group, many under the orders of a British officer known as Capt. Prosper, died in captivity.

CANTON HEALTH MEASURE

Eating-houses, hairdressing saloons and boarding houses in Canton must register with the city health authorities by Dec. 20, according to an order just issued.

Those intending to open new establishments in these lines of business must, in the first instance, obtain the approval of the health authorities.

UNRRA PERSONNEL

Col. J. A. Gibson and Major Greaves, who are joining the UNRRA organization in Shanghai, arrived in Hong Kong from Leyte on Friday. The plane also brought five naval officers from Sydney, posted to various duties in Hong Kong. Surg. Lt. A. S. Swain, Commander Fenwick, Lieut. S. Waller, Lt. Drew and Lt. Pelt.

45-DAYS LEAVE

Long Beach, Calif., Dec. 8. Lt. Gen. Robert Eichelberger, Commander of the American Eighth Army in Japan, arrived yesterday from Yokohama by army bomber for a 45-day leave. He said the morale of American troops in Japan is high.—Associated Press.

Mr. E. Dal, manager of the China Merchants S.N. Company, has arrived in the Colony by air from Canton. The plane, C.N. A.C., brought 24 passengers in all.

Reopening Of Naturalisation In Britain

The Government's intention to deal at an early date with prior claims to naturalisation was mentioned by Mr. Ede, Home Secretary, at question time in the House of Commons.

Replying to Sir Jocelyn Lucas (Cons.) he said that in considering the reopening of naturalisation the Government had in mind many who not only had become assimilated to our ways of life and had statutory qualifications, but had special claims to be admitted to British citizenship.

Some had served in H.M. Forces, others had contributed in civilian capacities to the war effort, others were providing employment and assisting our export trade. It was accordingly specially desirable to bring to an end the suspension which was imposed in 1940 on the investigation of applications for naturalisation.

It would be necessary to require applicants, or certain classes of applicants, to submit evidence of their claims to priority. The machinery required would be settled as quickly as possible. In the meantime prospective applicants should not lodge their applications in his department.

It had been decided that consideration of the 6,500 applications lodged up to Nov. 20, 1940, and still undecided, should not prevent work being started at an early date on other applications from those who had valid claims to prior attention on the grounds he had mentioned. The work would have to be spread over a comparatively lengthy period. No pains, however, would be spared to make the machinery for dealing with the task as effective as possible.

Republican Platform

Washington, Dec. 7. Top Republicans in Congress to-day headed for the National Committee meeting in Chicago bearing the general platform for the 1946 Congressional elections.

A 1,000 word document carried the approval of party members both of the House and Senate who accepted it as an interim Republican statement on aims and purposes.

The main provisions are: (1) full support of the United Nations Organisation and relief measures abroad; (2) support of a well trained and fully equipped army, navy and air force; (3) light taxes to reduce the national debt, economies in government spending and removal of war-time restrictions controls; and (4) re-affirm labour's right to organize and bargain collectively with contracts mutually agreed.—Associated Press.

NEW POST FOR SPRUANCE

Washington, Dec. 8. The Navy Department stated to-day that Admiral Raymond S. Spruance, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, will soon be transferred to command of the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Admiral John H. Towers, Commander of the 5th Fleet, is to succeed Spruance eventually.—Associated Press.

Marshall On Message That Came Too Late

WASHINGTON, DEC. 8. GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL, FORMER ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AND AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO CHINA, TO-DAY TOLD CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS THAT HIS LAST MINUTE WARNING TO PEARL HARBOR FOUR YEARS AGO ARRIVED TOO LATE.

HE RELATED HOW HE WENT TO HIS OFFICE ON THE MORNING OF DEC. 7, 1941 AND READ AND DECODED A JAPANESE MESSAGE WHICH SAID THE JAPANESE REPLY TO THE AMERICAN PEACE TERMS BE HANDED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AT 1 P.M.

He said he proposed to Admiral Stark to warn the Pacific Commanders. Stark thought it would confuse them, he testified, but asked naval chiefs to be advised when Marshall insisted later on sending a warning anyway.

The warning reached Pearl Harbour while bombs were blasting. He testified that the Philippines got priority for planes and material. The Army thought the Hawaiian Islands reasonably prepared. He said reconnaissance and other methods showed Japanese evil intentions in the Philippines area. He said by strengthening "we felt we could block Japanese entry into the war by their fear of what would happen if they could not take the Philippines."

Marshall related the successful appeal he made to Thomas E. Dewey to head off Pearl Harbour talk in the 1944 Presidential campaign lest the Axis learn that the Army had broken the Japanese secret codes.—Associated Press.

Perfect Client

Manila, Dec. 8. Colonel Harry Clarke, Chief Defense Counsel, for Lieutenant-General Yamashita, yesterday described Yamashita as a "perfect client."

After the death verdict was announced, Clarke said: "That's one verdict I didn't expect."—Associated Press.

U.S. PLEDGE TO IRAN

Washington, Dec. 8. Secretary of State James Byrnes to-day reaffirmed the United States pledge to Tehran to maintain the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran.

A State Department spokesman said that Russia had not repelled to the United States suggestion to permit publication of Russia's memoirs declining the American proposal for the three powers to evacuate Iran by Jan. 1.—Associated Press.

NEW ARMY CHIEF IN KOREA

Washington, Dec. 8. The War Department to-day announced the appointment of Major-General Archer L. Lerch, as Military Governor of the American occupation zone of Korea. Major-General Lerch was formerly Army Provost Marshal. He will be accompanied to Korea by his assistant Colonel Loren F. Farmanly.—Associated Press.

U.S. WAR NOT COMMITTED TO PACIFIC WAR

WASHINGTON, DEC. 7. GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNTIL RECENTLY, TO-DAY TESTIFIED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE ALLIED STAFF CONFERENCES BEFORE PEARL HARBOR THAT COMMITTED THE UNITED STATES TO WAR UNLESS SHE WAS ATTACKED IN THE PACIFIC.

THE WAR-TIME CHIEF OF STAFF TOLD THE PEARL HARBOR INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE THAT HE PARTICIPATED IN THESE CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN, BRITISH, CANADIAN AND DUTCH OFFICERS.

His testimony was elicited to clear up the contention that the United States was committed to war before the day the Japanese struck at Pearl Harbour.

Marshall stated that in all his planning he had in mind "planes and guns for defence against an air attack on Hawaii."

He testified that he had decided to transfer from the United States practically all the P-36 planes for the defence of Hawaii.

The Committee learned that Lieut.-General Walter C. Short took command of Hawaii with advice from Marshall that the danger time for Hawaii would be "the first six hours of known hostilities" and "real perils" were "sabotage and surprise air and submarine raids."

BIG GAMBLE

Marshall said that the army and navy had enough strength at Pearl Harbour on Dec. 7, 1941, to break up a Japanese attack. He said that if the attack had been checked by the vigilance of the defenders the whole Japanese campaign of aggression would have been ruined.

Marshall asserted that the Japanese in assaulting Pearl Harbour took a tremendous gamble and added he did not think they would try it.

He declared: "The non-alignment in Hawaii was the reason for both the attack and its success."

Investigators received from the late President Roosevelt's files a memorandum by Marshall, recommending a speedy build-up of air power in the Philippines "together with a small increase in modern ground army equipment and personnel to restrain Japan from an advance into Malay."

ROOSEVELT NOTE

The memorandum was undated but a member of the Committee said it appeared to have been written in the summer of 1941.

Dealing with the Philippines he said: "31,000 troops together with 12,000 native troops, form the present garrison."

"Japan is wavering. Strong air and naval forces on her flank may deter her or wear her from the Axis."

"No reduction is possible in the number of the forces. On the contrary, reinforcements of 12,000 are in prospect."

"The Philippines army is in process of organization—80,000 by Jan. 1, 1942."

Elections Every Three Years Suggested

London, Dec. 8. Dr. Pedro Lopez of the Philippines delegation introduced a proposal before the United Nations preparatory committee on trusteeship which would require the holding of elections at least once every three years in trusteeship territory.

Invoking the pledges of the United Nations charter of freedom for dependent peoples, Lopez said the proposal would aid these peoples toward self-government.

He said the elections would choose spokesmen who would "serve as organs for expressing to the trusteeship council the feelings and sentiments and needs of the people," and would help carry out the United Nations' promises to promote political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of these territories.

The proposal brought opposition from British and South African delegates, who said such elections were not practicable. Support came from Russia, Ukraine, Syria and Yugoslavia. The United States was understood to favour the proposal in general.

The delegates agreed to submit the plan to a sub-committee composed of delegates from the Philippines, South Africa, Ukraine, Britain and China for study.—Associated Press.

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WOULD ANYONE from Osaka P. O. W. Camp, please phone 21300.

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HURLEY ALLEGES INSIDE JOB

WASHINGTON, DEC. 7. TESTIFYING BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO-DAY MAJOR-GENERAL PATRICK HURLEY, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, DECLARED THAT THE DEFEAT OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY WAS "AN INSIDE JOB."

He stated: "My one endeavour is to bring to the attention of the American people the fact that the announced American policy is being defeated and has been defeated the world over and not alone in China."

Hurley accused Under-Secretary of State Dean Acheson and other State Department career men of defeating American foreign policy in Iran. Associated Press.

Cinema Or Sunday School

London, Dec. 7. It is for the parents and not the authorities to decide whether on Sundays their children should go to the cinema or to Sunday school.

This right was upheld by the L.C.C.'s Public Control Committee. It decided that children under 16 can attend Sunday cinemas in the London area and that they will not be refused admission during Sunday-school hours.

In a test case, the committee overruled objections to the renewal of Sunday licences at three cinemas unless a clause was inserted excluding children under 16.

For the objectors, it was explained that the opposition was not to Sunday cinemas as such, but to children being admitted during Sunday-school hours.

YEARLY EXPORT OF 100,000 CARS

Cries of "No, no," and "Tripe," greeted Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, when at the first dinner since the war of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, he suggested that people in Britain should go without cars so that the export trade could be built up.

Saying that up to the end of October the British motor industry had produced only a few thousand new cars since the war in Europe ended, Sir Stafford declared that by the middle of 1946 Britain would need to export at the rate of at least 100,000 private cars and 25,000 commercial vehicles a year.

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Communists And Hurley Charges

CHUNGKING, DEC. 7. COMMUNIST QUARTERS IN CHUNGKING TO-DAY REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE TESTIMONY OF THE FORMER AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, MAJOR-GENERAL PATRICK J. HURLEY, GIVEN BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

THE HEARING EXCITED TREMENDOUS INTEREST IN CHUNGKING WHERE DISPATCHES ON THE SUBJECT WERE AVIDLY READ AND RE-READ AND DISCUSSED.

Observers recalled that Nationalist officials charged some time ago that Communist forces had moved toward the coastal regions of China well before the war ended in the hope of receiving American arms in the event of American landings.

As Hurley gave his testimony before the Senate Committee the Communists quoted alleged demands by 6,000 striking students at Kunming for the immediate withdrawal of American forces in China.

An official Communist statement charged that two American planes on Dec. 1 strafed Tientsin, Communist held station on the Peiping-Suiyuan railroad, damaging one locomotive.

USE OF JAPANESE

The Communists also asserted that Japanese soldiers were patrolling and repairing a section of the Tientsin-Pukow railroad south of Tsinan, capital of Shantung province.

The use of Japanese to repair railroads is not remarkable in any way as it's the Government's policy to put the Japanese troops to work to repair some of the havoc they have caused to China's transport system.

The Communists also charged the Japanese soldiers of building blockhouses along the railroad for the Nationalists.

On the whole, no serious fighting between the Nationalists and Communists appeared to be taking place anywhere in China.

Judging from the accounts of clashes which are occurring they are on a comparatively minor scale.

SUIYUAN SIEGES

In Suiyuan province, the cities of Kweisui and Paotow are still under siege but the defenders though running short of food, fuel and ammunition appear to be withstanding repeated Communist onslaughts.

The Communists reported the Nationalists started a drive against Communist-held villages near the Shantung seaport of Tsingtao, one of the points where United States Marines are at present stationed.

They also reported the spread of a "traitors' movement" in Communist-controlled territory.

Out Of Bounds

Washington, Dec. 8. Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal has reported that "all houses of prostitution have been placed out of bounds" in the Yokosuka area of Japan.—Associated Press.

Friendly Soccer Match

In an exciting and well-contested friendly football game at Kai Tak, Royal Observatory beat 812 Squadron, Royal Air Force by three goals to one after leading at the interval by two clear goals.

Some good football was witnessed and brilliant combination was displayed by both sides. Bird and Sanderson played a very good game and were the most prominent of the Observatory forwards.

Dunne, at centre half, played a good game especially in the first half when he appeared to be everywhere. For the losers, Coxon, at left back, played an exceptionally good game and was by far the best player on the field. Mainie, on the right wing was prominent with some good centres.

The first two goals for Observatory were scored by Orchard, the first from a scramble in the goal-mouth and the second from a centre by Bird.

In the second half, Sanderson scored the third goal and the losers scored their goal through a cross from a pass by Mainie.

Royal Observatory: Smith; Rice and Cox; Rowe, Dunne and Hurd; Sanderson, Bird, Orchard, Rickards and Resse.

812 Squadron: Kent; Morgan and Coxon; McNeilly, Stanford and Burns; Mainie, Parton, Cross, Balfour and McCaw.

ALL-AMERICA GRIDIRON TEAM

New York, Dec. 7. The Colliers All-America football team, announced in this week's issue, includes four members of Army's national championship eleven and two from Alabama's Rose bowl-bound team.

The Colliers selections, started by Walter Camp in 1889, are made by Grantland Rice with the aid of an advisory board of football writers.

The selections were: Centre, Vaughn Mancha, Alabama; guards, Warren Amling, Ohio State, and John Green, Army; tackles, George Savitsky, Pennsylvania, and DeWitt Coulter, Army; ends, Richard Duden, Navy, and Hubert Bechtel, Texas; quarterback, Herman Wedemeyer, St. Mary's of California; half-backs, Glenn Davis, Army, and Harry Glimmer, Alabama; fullback, Felix Blanchard, Army.—Associated Press.

The softball game between Cyclones and U.S.S. Brannon starts at 10 a.m. to-day and not at 10.30 as reported yesterday. Following is the Cyclone line-up: Baker (first base), Abbas (2b), Bucks, (3b) Rumlajn (ss) Modest Khan (lf) "Powerhouse" Khan (cf) M. Samy (cf), Nazarin (p) R. Samy (c) Markar (manager). Impires: Molthen, Robbins, Moon-deon. Score: H. Remedios.

BRITISH C.A. TAKES OVER KRUPP'S

LONDON, DEC. 7. MR. E. L. DOUGLAS FOWLES, 49-YEAR-OLD CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT OF NORTH HARROW, TO-DAY IS IN CONTROL OF KRUPP'S GERMAN'S GIANT FIVE-SQUARE-MILE ARMS WORKS.

MR. FOWLES WHO IS MARRIED—HIS WIFE SON, AND DAUGHTER LIVE AT GREENFIELD WAY, NORTH HARROW—WORKED FOR 12 YEARS IN GERMANY FOR AN ENGLISH FIRM, AND HIS TRAVELS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY MADE HIM FAMILIAR WITH FACTORIES IN BERLIN AND OTHER CITIES.

This knowledge was of the utmost importance to the Air Ministry during the war and his maps of these factories enabled vital targets to be pinpointed for bombing raids.

He got out of Germany just before war was declared, and his was the last car to get over the frontier.

"LEFT LINER ON PRETEXT"

Southampton, Dec. 8. The principal Sea Transport Officer, Southampton, declared on board the transport Orion that the 400 Australian and New Zealand officers and men who marched off the ship recently did so because they definitely did not want to return home. They were seizing as a pretext the fact officers would have to travel under troop-deck conditions.

"Most of them don't want to be demobilised. They have wives and sweethearts as well as pay here, and no jobs to go back to in Australia. The trouble will happen again and it has happened before."

It is considered here to be a psychological error to crowd Empire officers into troops' accommodation under the impression that they would put up with any conditions to get home.

Canton Feels Easier

CANTON, DEC. 8. THOUGH TENSION IS UNRELAXED, PEOPLE IN CANTON SEEM TO FEEL THAT NOTHING WILL COME OF THE RECENT ALARMS.

Reason for confidence is the strength of the military garrison which, it is felt, will be a sufficient deterrent to any attempt to stir up trouble.

The recent Police check-up resulted in the arrest of 398 suspects, of whom 340 were men and 58 were women. Over 10,000 premises were searched. However, most of those arrested were opium addicts, gamblers or petty thieves. Meantime the military and the police are still on the alert.—From a Special Correspondent.

NAVY V. ARMY

A good game is anticipated at Sookunpoo this afternoon when Royal Navy meet Army in an exhibition football game starting at 3.30 p.m.

Army have made several changes in the team which drew with Combined Chinese and will be without the services of Simms and Nellor, both of 44 Commando. Both Lieut. Jack and McLeish, who were recently on the injured list, will be playing to-day.

Navy have had several trial games and the team chosen appears to be a strong one with a number of players from H.M.S. Montclare, a team which has done well in local games.

SAN DIEGO JAPS

San Diego, Dec. 7. Approximately 1,100 Japanese who were among 2,000 evacuated from San Diego County in 1942 to war relocation centres have now returned here.

Relocation officer John C. Mc-Lendon said they had been quietly and quickly absorbed back into the agricultural and domestic pursuits which they followed before the war.

He estimated that the Japanese population in this area would reach 1,600 within the next two years.—Associated Press.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG WORKS BRANCH—CIVIL AFFAIRS NOTICE WATER SUPPLY

The public is hereby warned that the supply of water to that part of the City of Victoria lying South of Queen's Road and Hennessy Road from Bowringston Canal to Kennedy Town will be shut off from:

- 7 p.m. on 11th December, to
- 7 a.m. on 12th December,
- 7 p.m. on 12th December, to
- 7 a.m. on 13th December,
- 7 p.m. on 13th December, to
- 7 a.m. on 14th December.

to enable essential repairs to one of the main supply lines on the island to be carried out. If it is found necessary to extend the period of restricted supply further notice will be given.

J. FORBES, LT.-COL. WATER AUTHORITY.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG MEDICAL BRANCH NOTICE

Tenders are invited for the collection and removal of animal blood and hair from

1. Kennedy Town Slaughter House
2. Ma Tau Kok Slaughter House
3. Sai Wan Ho Slaughter House (including slaughter ing swine for food)
4. Aberdeen Slaughter House

Sealed tenders for each slaughter house should be submitted in triplicate to the Chairman, Tender Board, Public Works Branch, Civil Affairs Headquarters, by 12 noon of 22nd day of December, 1945.

Tender forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Medical Branch, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, 1st floor.

J. P. FEHLY, Col. D. D. M. S. (C.A.)

Hong Kong, 4th December, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG MEDICAL BRANCH NOTICE

THE attention of all persons who intend to engage in the private practice of Medicine and Surgery in the Colony after 1st January 1946 (other than Chinese persons referred to in Section 3 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1935) is directed to:

1. In the case of medical practitioners who were not registered by the Medical Board prior to 8th December 1941 the necessity for registration by that Board before commencing to practise in the year 1946 pursuant to the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1935. Enquiries concerning applications may be made from Mr. D. Brittan Evans, Johnson Stokes & Master, 4th Floor, Hong Kong Bank Building.
2. In the case of medical practitioners who were registered by the Medical Board prior to 8th December 1941 the necessity for obtaining from the Stamp Office a certificate to practise for the year 1946. (Stamp Duty \$50) before commencing to practise in that year pursuant to Section 21 of the Stamp Ordinance 1921.

WARNING

On and after 1st January 1946 the provisions of the Medical Registration Ordinance 1935 will be rigidly enforced and proceedings will be taken against all persons found to be practising medicine or surgery contrary to the provisions of that Ordinance.

J. P. FEHLY, Col. D. D. M. S. (C.A.)

Hong Kong, 7th December, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

Secretariat for Chinese Affairs

NOTICE

The Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to appoint Mr. CHAU TSUN NIN, C.B.E., to act as representative in Kowloon of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Civil Affairs Administration.

Mr. CHAU'S office is in the Peninsula Hotel, Room No. 197; his office hours will be 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

B. C. K. HAWKINS,
Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

NOTICE

Subject:—Claims for goods and services supplied to the Army in 1941 and 1945 before the return of the British.

A notice was published in the press on the 24th September, 1945 instructing all persons who have monetary claims on the V. D. to submit these to No. 10 Staff Paymaster, Victoria Barracks by the 30th November, 1945. All these claims should now have been submitted and those individuals with claims yet to be submitted should forward these at the earliest possible date.

The public is reminded that it is particularly important to make claims in Hong Kong dollars, to claim a specific amount, and to forward copies of all documents that support the claim. It is useless to make a claim without stipulating a specific sum. This sum will have to be estimated in some cases, when the method of calculation should be clearly shown.

The work of checking and registering these claims started at from the 1st December. All claimants will be in due course of receiving letters requesting further information or evidence or notification that the claim has been checked.

The question of payment is temporarily in abeyance and awaits a Government decision. As soon as this matter is decided the public will be informed through the medium of the press.

J. H. GIBSON, Lt. Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
H.Q. Land Forces,
Hong Kong.

NOTICE

Subject:—Payments Army Pensioners and Dependents of Chinese and British Soldiers.

1. With effect from Monday 3rd December until further notice payments will be made to the above named individuals in "A" Block Victoria Barracks. Claimants of the following types should present themselves at the following times:

Dependents of Chinese Other ranks serving with Hong Kong Pioneer Companies, detailed by Unit Commander.

Dependents of British Other Ranks.

Pensioners.

Dependents of Chinese Other Ranks previously paid in China by the B.A.A.G.

2. On all days the office hours for the public will be from 10.00-12.30 and 1.45-3.00 hours. Claimants should be careful to bring with them all cards of identity and authorities as issued by No. 4 R.A.P.W.I. Control Staff, Third Floor, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, who will investigate claims, and issue necessary authorities where entitled.

J. H. GIBSON, MC., RA.
Lt. Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G. H.Q. Land Forces,
HONG KONG

Double Thanks

Tokyo, Dec. 8.
By Out, the Korean, built man who lived 22 years ago the late Emperor Taisho of Japan and was sentenced to life imprisonment, today called on General MacArthur to express double thanks, on his and Korea's liberation.

By was betrayed by a friend when he planned to deliver a bomb in the palace at the time of Hirohito's wedding.—Associated Press.

CHURCH NOTICES

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL (Garden Road).

Sunday: Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m. and 8 a.m. Morning Prayer at 10.30 a.m. Preacher: Rev. George She. Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m. Evening Service at 6.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. K. C. Phillips, R.A.F. Holy Communion at 7.30 p.m. During the week: Daily Service at 7.30 a.m.

Thursday: Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. Fellowship meeting for Prayers and Bible Study at 8.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall.

Friday: Choir practice in the Cathedral at 8.30 p.m.

CHURCH NOTICES

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.
Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Morning Prayer at 10.15 a.m. Preacher: Rev. K. C. Phillips, R.A.F. Holy Communion with hymns at 11.15 a.m. Evening Service at 6.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. N. A. P. Wood, R.N.V.R.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, 16, Causeway Road, Tel. 22674.

Sunday: Second Sunday in Advent. Feast of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception. Patroness of the Cathedral. Low Mass at 8 a.m. Low Mass with Sermon in Chinese at 7 a.m. High Mass in honour of the Feast of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception. Low Mass with Sermon in English at 10 a.m. Sacrament classes. On week days Masses at 6, 7, and 7.30 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, Garden Road.
Sunday: Second Sunday in Advent. Choral Mass with Sermon in English at 8.30 a.m. Low Mass at 9.30 a.m. On week days Holy Mass at 8 a.m.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH, Prince Edward Road, Tel. 56217.
Sunday: Second Sunday in Advent. Low Mass at 8.30 a.m. Choral Mass, Sermon and Benediction at 8 a.m. Sacrament classes. On week days Holy Mass at 6.30 and 7.30 a.m.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, Happy Valley, Tel. 27807.
Sunday: Second Sunday in Advent. Low Mass with Sermon in Chinese, followed by Benediction at 10 a.m. Choral Mass with Sermon in English at 9 a.m. On week days Holy Mass at 7 a.m.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, 179, Third Street, West Point, Tel. 21226.
Sunday: Second Sunday in Advent. Mass with Sermon in Chinese at 6.30 a.m. Mass with Sermon in Chinese and Benediction at 8 a.m. On week days Holy Mass at 6.30 and 7.15 a.m.

CHRIST CHURCH, Waterloo Rd., Kowloon Tong.
Sunday: Holy Communion at 7.30 and 9.45 a.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, Hong Kong. (A branch of The Mother Church of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston Mass.)

Sunday: Service at 11 a.m. Banquet de l'Inde Chine (French Bank Bldg.) 2nd floor, Queen's Rd. The subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches on Sunday is "God The Only Cause And Creator." The Golden Text: Isaiah 45:14. "Thus saith the Lord that created this heavens: and himself that formed the earth and made it: he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else." Christian Science Literature can be obtained or ordered after the Service. All are welcome.

ROSARY CHURCH.
Mass with singing and Sermon in Chinese at 7.30 a.m. High Mass in honour of St. Francis Xavier, Patron of Foreign Missions, at the request of the Goan Community, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at 8.30 a.m. Mass with Sermon in English at 10 a.m. Meeting of the Chinese C.Y.L.A. at 4 p.m.

Monday: Translation of Nazareth (A.L. 294). Meeting of the Promoters of the Apostleship of Prayer (Ladies Section).

Saturday: Outreach Classes and Confessions for children at 2.15 p.m.

GOSPEL HALL, Duddell Street.
A meeting for Worship and Praise will be held at No. 40, Causeway Road, Hong Kong on Sunday at 11 a.m.

THE SALVA IN ARMY.
Sunday: Fellowship Meeting for Servicemen at 10 a.m. in the Book Room, No. 1, Lee House Street. Speaker: Major Begley. Everyone welcome.

R.C. SERVICES FOR F.M. FORCES.
Saturday: At the Chapel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Catholic Centre, King's Bldg. 1st floor. Holy Mass at 7.30.

Sunday: At St. Joseph's Church, Holy Mass at 6.30 a.m. Sermon by Rev. Fr. J. O'Meara, S.J. At the Cathedral, Holy Mass at 7.30 p.m.

Hitler's Plans For A Gibraltar Coup

NUERNBERG, DEC. 8.
HITLER STATED IN JANUARY, 1941, THAT "AN ATTACK AGAINST BRITAIN IS OUR ULTIMATE AIM." THE NURENBERG WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL HEARD IN EVIDENCE TO-DAY.

HITLER, WHO WAS SPEAKING AT A CONFERENCE WITH MUSSOLINI, WAS QUOTED AS ADDING "IN THIS RESPECT WE ARE IN THE POSITION OF A MAN WITH ONLY ONE ROUND LEFT IN HIS RIFLE. IF HE MISSES, THE SITUATION IS MUCH WORSE THAN BEFORE."

Cod. Harry Phillimore, of the British prosecuting staff, quoted in his evidence a directive issued by Hitler on Nov. 12, 1940, outlining a detailed German plan to bring about an entry of Spain into the war, followed by an attack on Gibraltar.

Under this directive German troops would be used to seize Gibraltar after an attack by the Luftwaffe on British fleet units.

"Support will be given by the Spanish in closing the Straits after the seizure of the Rock from the Spanish Moroccan side," the directive stated.

The directive also made reference to a possible invasion of Britain: "Owing to the change in the general situation it may yet be possible or necessary to start Operation Sea Lion (a landing in Britain) in the Spring of 1941."

The three services of the armed forces must therefore earnestly endeavour to improve conditions for such an operation in every respect."

Hitler's "intuition" told him to invade Holland on May 10, 1940, Alfred Jodl, former German Chief of Army Operations, disclosed in his diary, extracts from which were quoted.

Jodl, one of the 20 accused Nazi leaders in the dock, heard Major Alwyn Jones of the British prosecuting team read passages from his diary, showing that the Germans had planned to attack Holland as early as Feb. 1, 1940. On May 8, that year Jodl wrote: "Hitler has set May 10 as the operation date, refusing further delays because his intuition was opposed to them."

Major Jones, continuing the British case against the Nazis for "crimes against peace," quoted from documents to give further evidence of German aggression against Norway and Denmark.

ULTIMATUM TO NORWAY.
A document dated April 4, 1940, taken from the file of German Naval Operation orders, gave instructions that the invasion ships taking part in the invasion of Norway should be disguised as British vessels, and should answer any challenges in English, using names of British warships.

The prosecutor read extracts from the ultimatum that the Germans presented to Norway after the landing of German troops. It contained a threat to crush all resistance, coupled with a declaration of respect for the territorial integrity and independence of the country.

Looking across at the men in the dock, the British prosecutor commented briefly: "It was a classic combination of Nazi hypocrisy and threats."

Major Jones concluded: "Such documents tear apart the veil of Nazi pretence. They reveal the menace behind the goodwill of Goering and expose as fraudulent the diplomacy of Ribbentrop. Finally, and above all, they reveal the sordid reality of Hitler and Goering."

BROKEN PLEDGES.
Mr. Roberts, one of the prosecutors, then took up the chapter of Nazi aggression in the "cockpit of Europe," dealing with Germany's broken pledges to Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

The men in the dock directed and exercised their eyes as Mr. Roberts said: "I submit that all these men must be held as active participants in that disgraceful breach of faith, which brought misery and death to so many millions." He verbally played the 20 men in the dock during the course of his speech.

Finally, Lord Justice Lawrence, President of the Tribunal, pulled him up, saying: "The Tribunal would appreciate it, Mr. Roberts, if you would confine yourself to the documents."

Interviewed during the luncheon interval, Mr. Roberts said: "I have been waiting six years to tell those... off. I am glad that I did it. There was a time when I thought I was not going to be able."

GIBRALTAR PLAN.
Colonel Harry Phillimore of the British prosecuting team quoted a directive from Hitler when he opened the story of German aggression against Yugoslavia and Greece.

The directive stated: "A political step has been taken to bring about an early Spanish entry into the war. For this purpose, Gibraltar will be taken and the Straits closed. The British will be prevented from gaining a foothold at any other point in the Iberian Peninsula, or the Atlantic Islands."

"Reconnaissance troops, with officers in civilian clothes, will make the necessary preparations for action against Gibraltar. Special units of the Foreign Intelligence Bureau are to take over protection of the Gibraltar area in secret co-operation with the Spaniards."

SPANISH AID.
"Action for seizure of Gibraltar will be undertaken by German troops. Support will be given by the Spanish in closing the Straits after seizure of the Rock from the Spanish Moroccan side as well if required."

"Units intended for Gibraltar must be in sufficient strength to seize the Rock even without Spanish assistance. Italian participation is not envisaged. 'Owing to the change in the general situation it may yet be possible or necessary to start Operation Sea Lion (a landing in Britain) in the Spring of 1941. The three services of the armed forces must therefore earnestly endeavour to improve conditions for such an operation in every respect.'"

Hitler added that three consecutive days of good weather were needed for a landing in the British Isles but these conditions did not exist in the Autumn.

He did not see any great danger coming from America, even if she should enter the war. "A much greater danger is the gigantic bloc of Russia," he added.

6,000,000 Nazis To Be Moved

Washington, Dec. 8.
More than 6,000,000 Germans will be moved from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Austria to the various zones in Germany by August, 1946 under a vast redistribution scheme approved by the Allied Control Council, the United States State Department announced to-night.

The plan, which was conceived at the Potsdam Conference, will tentatively divide the German population of Poland, numbering 3,600,000 between the British and Soviet zones.

The tentative allocations by zones are: Russian—2,750,000, United States—2,250,000 and French—1,500,000.

Execution of the plan began this month.

The State Department says that the plan eliminates sporadic migration from Czechoslovakia and Poland and will be implemented "in an orderly and humane manner," in accordance with the Potsdam Declaration.

Reuter.

Canton's Memorials

A management committee has been appointed in Canton to put the revolutionary memorials into proper shape and repair, and to see to their upkeep.

The object of immediate attention is the Chungshan Memorial Hall which after eight years of war, looking and neglected, has fallen to a shadow of its former grandeur.

Part of the roof has fallen in, the windows and all the brass and metal fittings have been removed, the water pipes and electric lights have gone, and white ants have eaten the woodwork in many places.

Extensive repairs will have to be undertaken.

Other memorials of the Revolution badly requiring repair are the Koonyam Hill Memorial, the 72 Heroes' Memorial, and the Wu Ting Fang Statue.

Mr. Chan Wing, the architect who designed the Oi Kwan Hotel, will be in charge of the renovation scheme.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 8.
Another of the rapidly increasing string of New Year's Day bowl games was announced to-day. Wake Forest and South Carolina will play in Jacksonville's first annual "Gator bowl" game. The two teams played a 13-13 tie during the regular season.—Associated Press.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 8.
A Legion Bowl football game on December 16 has been arranged between two of the nation's top service teams. Sponsored by the American Legion, the Sky Masters of the A.A.F. training command of Fort Worth, Texas, will meet the Fourth Air Force Flyers from March Field, California.—Associated Press.

Honolulu, Dec. 8.
Major-General Fisher T. Hou, enroute to Washington to become military attaché for the Chinese Government, said to-day: "American soldiers committed themselves well during the war. We had very good co-operation at all times."

Hou, age 38, became a member of the General Staff of the Chinese Army in 1939.

Answering a question, he said: "The Communists are a party, not an army. The 18th Army Group was under the National Military Council, but has not obeyed orders from the Council since the war. Now when Government troops move northward, the 18th Army Group interferes with us. We must clear the way to the north."

He said he was hopeful that a solution to the problems between the Central Government and Communist Party will be found soon.—Associated Press.

AUSTRALIA TO BE GIVEN CARRIERS.
It was announced in Canberra that an unspecified number of aircraft carrier from the Royal Navy are to be transferred to the Australian Navy, reports A.P.

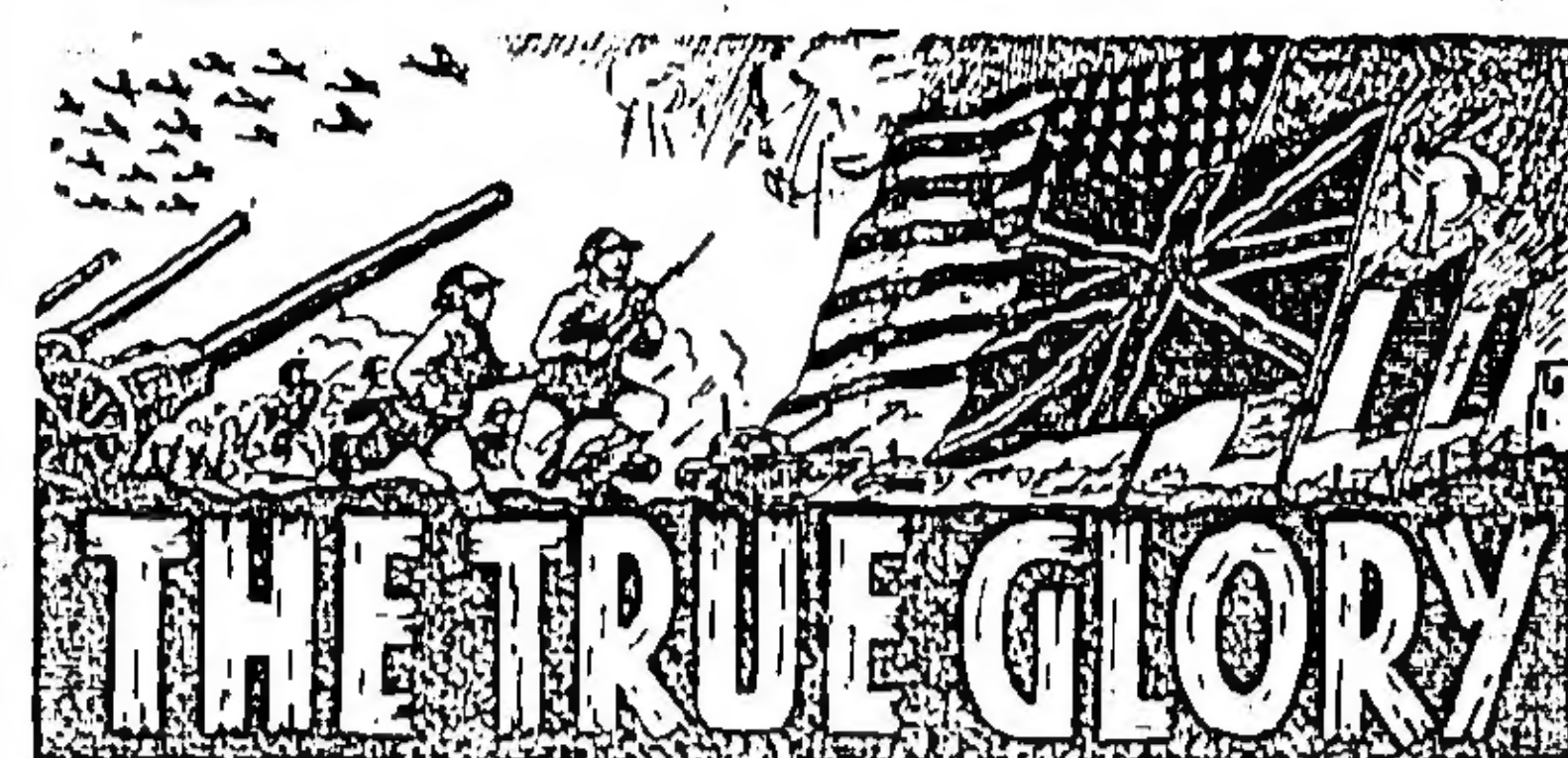
R.A.A.F. personnel now attached to the Fleet Air Arm will remain with the Royal Navy until the carriers are transferred.

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Hitler Waited Ten Months To Spring Trap

NUERNBERG, DEC. 8. PROSECUTORS INTRODUCED DOCUMENTS AT THE WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF 20 NAZI LEADERS SHOWING THAT ADOLF HITLER BEGAN MASSING BORDER TROOPS TO HURL AGAINST RUSSIA 10 MONTHS BEFORE THE ACTUAL INVASION WAS LAUNCHED ON JUNE 22, 1941.

The Führer told Hermann Goerring, Field Marshal and Grand Admiral Reader, he was planning to annihilate the Russian army and prevent its regeneration.

He said the German forces could crush the Soviet Union with a quick campaign before the end of the war with Britain. He was confident the Red Army could be wiped out by encirclement.

Although he considered Russia a more dangerous adversary than the United States, the document showed Hitler deliberately postponed the attack on Russia four weeks while forces in the Balkans could be consolidated.

Hitler's armies were poised for an invasion of the Low Countries and France on Nov. 7, 1939, but the attack was postponed for six months because of bad weather, official German records disclosed.

While the rest of the world stood astounded at the "phony war," the German military machine was ready, and waiting only for favourable weather, according to records introduced before the tribunal. Associated Press.

Sharp Talk By Would-Be President

Chicago, Dec. 8. Governor Dwight H. Green, of Illinois, to-day charged before the Republican National Committee that the Truman administration "suffered the most humiliating defeat in history" by losing "every skirmish" on the international diplomatic front.

In a prepared address, possibly presaging his candidacy for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1948, Green asserted: "We have been told we should not raise our voice against the shameful betrayal of Poland for fear of offending Russia's followers over here."

"We have been told we must not even protest against the suppression of liberty in Poland, in the Baltic States, in the Balkans or in any nation in Europe, Asia or elsewhere."

"It must be our vigorous policy to use the leverage afforded by the discussion of forgiveness of lend-lease or of requests for new loans and every other means to speed the liberation of the people of these nations," Associated Press.

WANT TO BE CHINESE

Shanghai, Dec. 8. Numerous Germans and Japanese in Shanghai have recently petitioned the Shanghai Municipal Government to permit them to become Chinese citizens, it is revealed.

In addition, similar petitions have been received from Formosans and Koreans who formerly assisted the enemy and puppet regimes, women who married Germans and Japanese now wishing to be known as Chinese again, and Jewish women married to Japanese who now desire to revert to the status of stateless refugees.

In the majority of cases the requests were rejected, it is reported. —Reuter.

PLANS FOR PACIFIC CLEAN-UP

Tokyo, Dec. 8. Recommendations for demobilization and repatriation of Japanese troops in China and allocation of the resources of the Empire have been drafted, MacArthur's Headquarters announced to-day. Commanders of the U.S. Army forces in China and the Western Pacific and the Navy's Fifth and Seventh Fleets met on Thursday and Friday with General MacArthur. Their recommendations will be submitted to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. —Associated Press.

AN EASY VICTORY

New York, Dec. 8. George (Sonny) Horne, 158 lbs., of Valley Stream, New York, won a unanimous decision over Artie Levine, 160-164 lbs., of Brooklyn, in a 10-round match at Madison Square Garden. —Reuter.

THE QUESTION THAT SPRINGS TO EVERYBODY'S LIPS HERE, AND IS ECHOED IN A SECTION OF THE PRESS, IS: WILL THE GOVERNMENT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FACILITIES RELEASED TO THE NATION BY GRANT OF THE AMERICAN LOAN?

THE QUESTION IS DIFFICULT TO ANSWER AT THIS EARLY STAGE IN VIEW OF MR. ATTLEE'S REPORT TO THE TORY CENSURE MOTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL GO FORWARD WITH ITS POLICY. IT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT BOTH ITS SHORT-TERM PROGRAMME OF DEALING WITH IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS AND ITS LONG-TERM PROGRAMME OF RECONSTRUCTION.

Even so sober and progressive a journal as the "Economist" has begun to ask itself questions as "Whither Government?" And it would seem that Churchill's four-pronged assault on the release of manpower, housing, trade and expenditure has, to say the least, provoked both thought and comment.

Says the "Economist": "The change against Government is not that it is overdoing its interventions in economic affairs, but that it is confining them to formalities of organisation, not that it is planning too much but that it is planning the wrong things."

The journal asserts that "drastic intervention" is needed in regard to the steel, ship-building and motor car industries.

"It has long become apparent that only the state can initiate a plan of technical rationalisation sufficiently far reaching to rescue industry from the vicious circle of restrictionism into which it has been driven by one decade of depression and a second decade of protection."

The journal suggests that Government "should stabilise the activities of the ship-building industry and ensure the existence of a merchant navy of the proper size and balance. It also points out that during the war Britain produced aircraft more cheaply than America."

INTERVENTION SUGGESTED. The "Economist", considering this as a fit case for intervention, suggests that if Government should "ask the motor car industry to submit co-operative designs for no more than ten models of cars and then to concentrate orders for each model on one or two factories, British cars, like British aircraft, might be much cheaper than American."

Press comments favour the formulation of a wages policy as the solution to raising output. Employers, especially in the building industry, say that it will give them a chance to pick keen workmen for labour instead of the present tired older men.

Will Attlee Use It Advantageously?

(By An Economic Correspondent.)

LONDON, DEC. 8. LAST NIGHT, MR. ATTLEE AND MR. TRUMAN ANNOUNCED THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES, PROVIDING FOR AN AMERICAN LOAN TO GREAT BRITAIN OF £1,100 MILLION.

THIS AGREEMENT HAS YET TO BE AGREED TO BY THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM PARLIAMENT. IF IT IS RATIFIED, STEPS WILL HAVE BEEN TAKEN WHICH WILL INFLUENCE THE TREND OF WORLD DEVELOPMENT FOR YEARS TO COME.

For this new loan is remarkable in that it has implications far transcending its importance to the two participants. At first sight Britain would appear to be the chief beneficiary. In fact it will provide a powerful impetus towards the attainment of a high level of prosperity for America and the rest of the world.

First let us review the conditions which called forth Britain's request for the loan. These conditions may be summed up simply as "British war effort." Britain's war expenditure was proportionately far greater than that of any other Allied country. Her expenditure was met partly by taxation on a scale never before reached by any country, partly by public savings, and partly by the sale of overseas investments. At the same time, in order to harness the maximum proportion of the national capacity to war production, Britain reduced her exports—so drastically that she emerged from the war with an export trade less than one-third its pre-war volume.

Before the war her prosperity was due to a great extent to her ability to import more than she exported, the balance being gained by "invisible" exports, chiefly in the form of revenue from overseas investments and shipplings.

EASIER AUSTERITY. To-day the situation is reversed. Saddled with the loss of a high proportion of these overseas investments, and with her merchant tonnage only three-quarters of the pre-war figure, Britain must now export for more than she imports. She has set herself the target of a 50 per cent. increase on pre-war exports, and during the war export trade ranked less than 33 per cent. of the 1935 volume.

To reach this target, war factories must first be re-equipped for

Unemployment figures published on Friday are now double that of the last quarter, namely, 232,000 on Oct. 15.

The rate of 12,000 men demobilised daily, according to Prime Minister Attlee, will be maintained into the New Year, is expected to improve industrial conditions.

PRESS CONTROVERSY. There is controversy in the press over the contention of army generals that a superior rate of demobilising will affect the efficiency of their units.

With the loan agreement between America and Britain now accomplished, press reception has been mixed. It is too early to say what precisely the effect of this agreement will be on India. At the moment of writing there has been some slight reference in the financial press hinting at "adjustments of sterling balances."

The "Financial Times" says: "Of particular interest to the City is the clause in the agreement which binds the Government, not later than one year after the effective date of the agreement, to wind up the dollar pool within the period of a year. The decision to invite holders of sterling balances to agree to some sacrifice in order to contribute to the war effort will be welcomed by the City, where it has been long considered that this should be done." —Associated Press.

STRENUOUS OPPOSITION EXPECTED.

Washington, Dec. 8. Leading members of Congress forecast that the British Loan agreement will be presented soon, but that strenuous opposition is to be expected from the "bleeding" minority who will take the opportunity for expressing anti-British sentiments.

Reuter's Washington correspondent says that following the settlement of the loan question, sterling area countries may expect individual approaches from the British Government on settlement of the problem of "blocked" sterling balances. —Reuter.

LONDON, DEC. 8. CIVILIAN PRODUCTION. Air-raid damage must be made good. Houses for workers must be supplied with raw materials, and so it is possible that during this interim period imports may have to exceed exports.

Here the American loan will be of immense help for purchases of raw materials, food and other essentials. For the British public this will mean the relaxation to some degree of the rigid austerity maintained in the country ever since the end of the war—strictly even than in the war itself. —London Press Service.

TAXI-DANCERS IN WAR ON CRIME.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. Shanghai's large army of taxi-dancers and sing-song girls are to do their bit in the all-out effort of the Police Authorities to check the growing crime wave in Shanghai.

They have been asked to form themselves into a Volunteer Vigilance Corps and to continually on the lookout for suspicious characters in the night-clubs and cabarets. Meanwhile the Police have inaugurated foot, cyclist, mounted and motorized patrols, which will be reinforced by detachments of the Peace Preservation Corps, armed with Mausers and rifles, held in readiness at all stations. —Reuter.

URANIUM IN THE RAND GOLDFIELDS?

Pretoria, Dec. 8. An indication that the Witwatersrand gold mines may yield considerable quantities of ores containing uranium is being investigated. It is uranium is found on a large scale, Government, which has the sole right to prospect for uranium, proposes to consider the basis on which it should be exploited. —Reuter.

War claims

London, Dec. 8. The British government has paid war-damage insurance claims totalling \$708,000,000, the "Board of Trade Journal" said to-day. —Associated Press.

MONTGOMERY ANSWERED RUSSIA

LONDON, DEC. 8. DISCUSSION IN UNOFFICIAL CIRCLES HERE IS CENTRED ON THE "IZVESTIA" STATEMENT OF DECEMBER 4 REGARDING THE RUSSIAN MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO THE ALLIED COUNCIL IN GERMANY ALLEGING THAT LARGE UNITS OF THE GERMAN ARMED FORCES CONTINUE TO EXIST IN THE BRITISH ZONE.

It is pointed out that Field Marshal Montgomery replied to the memorandum at the meeting of the Control Council on November 30, when he declared he would accept a proposal for a commission of enquiry, provided the commission also visited the Russian, American and French zones, and was followed by a similar commission to investigate other aspects of administration in all four zones.

The whole question was agreed to by the Control Council after a frank and friendly discussion to be referred to a co-ordinating committee to be composed of the four Chiefs of Staff.

TWO MILLION DISBANDED. Two million members of the former German Armed Forces have so far been disbanded in the British zone, and about half a million have still to be disbanded.

These latter have been disarmed and are retained for disciplinary purposes, and employed on essential labour duties pending their ultimate disposal.

Many of these Germans were originally domiciled in Russian and French zones, but it has not been found possible to arrange the transfer to those zones.

As Montgomery's acceptance of a commission of enquiry testifies, the British have nothing to hide. Moreover, it has always been the British opinion that there should be the widest possible exchange of information between the four Powers regarding the problems in the respective zones. —London Press Service.

The True Glory

Of all war documentaries, the most realistic and impressive to be shown in Hong Kong, "The True Glory" is playing to full houses at the Queen's Theatre.

It is the story of the Second Front, from D-Day to the surrender of Germany, and it covers every angle of that story of magnificent accomplishment, from the landings on the beaches of Normandy, the activities of the Maquis, the heroic Arnhem failure, to the capture of Goering. Numerous news-reels have given different phases of the operations in greater detail, but "The True Glory" weaves the work of hundreds of cameramen into a film which preserves unity and balance and succeeds magnificently in its aim of giving a comprehensive realistic picture of the campaign.

The Commander-in-Chief's Distress Fund benefited by \$1,188.90, and the Queen's Theatre and Earle-Lien Distributors, as the result of the benefit show attended by H.E. on Friday night.

DAYLIGHT ROBBERY

In an audacious daylight robbery, a man entered a wife's home at No. 189, Des Voeux Road Central yesterday, pretending to be landlords of the premises, and robbed her of money and jewellery to a total value of \$2,200.

One was armed with a revolver and the other with a dagger. They knocked at the door at about 1.40 p.m. and on stating their "business" were shown to the front room where they were received by the mistress of the house, Wan Wei-shung.

After talking a while, the men produced weapons and herded Wan, her daughter, and the maid, into a cubicle. There they were bound and gagged and left on the bed.

They then ransacked the premises and after a stay of 20 minutes, departed with N.C.\$100,000, H.K.\$1,000, four gold rings, valued at \$300 and a gold necklace valued at \$700.

PEANUT OIL STILL UNDER COVER.

Peanut oil is still off the open market. On Friday, the wholesale price rose to \$240 per picul, but yesterday fell to \$210. A shipment is expected by the s.s. "Wing Sang" to-day. The cost of Sulting oil in Micaud is in the vicinity of \$190 a picul.

The black market price of peanut oil is \$230 to \$280 a catty.

Hundred And Forty Europeans Abducted

LONDON, DEC. 8. WITH THE SEMARANG AIRFIELD IN CENTRAL JAVA CLOSED, AS THE INDONESIANS TRIED TO OVERTURN IT, A HAND-GRENADE EXPLODED NEAR A HANGAR ON THE BATAVIA AIRFIELD TO-DAY AND A GROUP OF ALLIED OFFICERS ESCAPED DEATH BY ONLY FIFTEEN YARDS.

A "SERIOUS VIEW" OF THIS INCIDENT IS TAKEN BY THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES AS THE AIRFIELD IS VERY BUSY WITH THE MOVEMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN REFUGEES, TROOPS AND IMPORTANT PASSENGERS.

An R.A.F. regiment raided a village near the airfield for arms yesterday and for several days rifle shots have been fired in the direction of the airport.

In Semarang, the trouble centre on the North Coast of central Java, R.A.F. Transport Command pilots said that Indonesian troops were trying to close in on the airfield there, cables Noel Buckley, Reuter's Special Correspondent.

R.A.F. Transport Command pilots who landed there amid firing this morning reported that Indian troops are shelling a point a mile and a half from the airfield. A communiqué from Allied Headquarters to-day reported that Semarang was under mortar fire last night.

Indonesian guns, hidden in the thick jungle on the shores of a lake two miles from Ambarawa, the scene of the internment camp massacre, were again active when 15 rounds were fired at Ambarawa, causing casualties, the communiqué said.

Thunderbolts, carrying 500-pounders, to-day bombed and strafed the suspected positions of the guns. Thunderbolts also blasted the Indonesian-held positions near the lake.

Indonesians were again reported to be concentrating in the north-west of Ambarawa.

An officer and a number of men of the Yorkshire Regiment are missing from a patrol along the railway line south of Sourabaya, recently occupied by British forces. Three men of the patrol returned and said that they had met constant light machine-gun fire.

GURKHA CASUALTIES.

Gurkha troops, clearing the Indonesian position obstructing the evacuation of former prisoners, were reported to-day.

Not Interested In Small Fry

TOKYO, DEC. 8. SOME JAPANESE WAR CRIMINALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PEARL HARBOR ATTACK MAY BE TRIED IN HAWAII, BUT AS YET THERE IS NO DEFINITE ARRANGEMENT, SPECIAL PROSECUTOR JOSEPH B. KEENAN SAID TO-DAY.

"IF THERE WAS ANY VIOLATION OF THE STATUTES INVOLVED, THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT TRY THEM IN HAWAII," KEENAN SAID.

Britons In China Praised

SHANGHAI, DEC. 8. A WARM TRIBUTE TO THE COURAGE OF BRITISH NATIONALS IN CHINA WAS PAID BY REAR-ADMIRAL R. M. SERVAES, COMMANDING THE BRITISH SQUADRON IN CHINA WATERS, IN AN ADDRESS AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN BY THE R.A.F. ASSOCIATION HERE.

He said that what struck him when meeting Britons was their courage and optimism in spite of the fact that like most business people they were so very uncertain of the future.

Admiral Servaes, who flies his flag aboard the light-cruiser "Belfast" anchored in the Whangpoo here, speaking about the war, declared that it had been proved beyond doubt the necessity of the three Services co-operating.

Co-operation between the Royal Navy and the R.A.F., he said, doomed U-boat warfare. Allied together 781 U-boats were destroyed. Of this number, 327 were accounted for by surface craft, 289 by the R.A.F., 52 by surface craft and R.A.F. together, 72 by submarines and 41 by other means. —Reuter.

INDIANAPOLIS DISASTER

Washington, Dec. 8. The Navy general court-martial trying Captain Charles B. McVay III took a four-day recess when it announced that no additional prosecution witness was available.

The court marked time awaiting the arrival of additional witnesses to tell how McVay's cruiser "Indianapolis" sank in Philippine waters last July 30. The prosecution has called 20 more witnesses and they are en route to Washington.

The prosecution has devoted four days to the presentation of evidence that Captain McVay failed to order a zig-zag course and issue clear-cut orders to abandon ship. —Associated Press.

Shanghai Forgers Work From Paris

SHANGHAI, DEC. 8. AN INTERNATIONAL COUNTERFEIT RING OPERATING FROM PARIS TO SHANGHAI HAS BEEN UNEARTHED FOLLOWING THE ARREST OF A CHINESE BY THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY HERE, REPORTS THE LOCAL ARMY ORGAN, THE "STARS AND STRIPES."

The arrested Chinese, whose identity was not disclosed, is said to have admitted that the counterfeit money now in circulation here was sent from Paris especially to flood the military market.

The ring, described as extremely well organized, is reported to be dealing in almost perfect counterfeit denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$500 bills.

The C.I.D. headquarters in France has been notified by the China Theatre to run down the ring at its source, while the arrested Chinese has been turned over to the Chungking Defence Council Bureau of Investigation for questioning by the Chinese Authorities. —Reuter.

Stalin Pledge Fulfilled

London, Dec. 8. The Soviet Government has informed the British Ambassador in Moscow that the only Soviet troops left in Poland are those engaged in the protection of lines of communication of the Soviet Armies in Germany and that the undertaking given by Generalissimo Stalin at Berlin has been fulfilled.

This was stated in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. Hector MacNeil, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question by Sir Ernest Graham Little (Independent).

Sir Ernest had asked what was the outcome of the Ambassador's inquiries regarding the withdrawal of most of the Red Army and Secret Police from Poland in accordance with the assurance given by Generalissimo Stalin at Potsdam, so that the Polish Government could hold a free election, promised for not later than early 1946. —Reuter.

Japs Attack Oshima

TOKYO, DEC. 8. LIEUT. GENERAL HIROSHI OSHIMA, FORMER JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY, WAS ACCUSED EDITORIALY THE FIRST DAY HE RETURNED TO JAPAN OF MAKING HIS COUNTRY A "DEPENDENCY OF GERMANY."

The Yomiuri Herald said editorially that Oshima had received an "order" from Hitler to induce Japan to get into the war and that he had made "great efforts" to comply with the order.

Oshima returned with 1,700 repatriates from Germany, Italy, France, the United States and South America. —Associated Press.

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